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Atty Atty Sciver, Kurt Van (for Jamie Starr Hamilton Thomas – beneficiary/Petitioner)

Pimentel, Paul J. (for Gary Hamilton – Trustee/Objector)

Ex Parte Petition to Remove Gary Hamilton as Trustee and Appoint Interim Trustee Pending Final Hearing

DOD: 03/13/11			MIE STAR HAMILTON THOMAS,	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:	
			be	eneficiary, is Petitioner.	CONTINUED FROM 06/24/14
			١.,	1919 1 - 1	Minute Order from 06/24/14 states:
			l re	titioner states:	Ms. Thomas is appearing via
	mt from 04001	4	1.	She is a beneficiary of the JAMES O. HAMILTON LIVING TRUST dated	CourtCall. Ms. Parker advises the
	ont. from 04221	14,		04/16/03, as amended on 12/20/07	Court that her office is no longer
04.	2914, 062414			(the "Trust").	representing Ms. Thomas who at this
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		2	The initial trustee of the Trust was	time is representing herself. Ms. Thomas terminates her CourtCall
✓	Verified			James O. Hamilton. The nominated	appearance prior to the conclusion of
	Inventory			successor trustee was Gary Hamilton	today's hearing. The Court directs
	PTC			("Gary"). Gary has been the acting	that a copy of the minute order be
	Not.Cred.			successor trustee since James O.	sent to Ms. Thomas. The Court will
/				Hamilton's death on 03/13/11.	await further action from Ms. Thomas.
✓	Notice of		3.	The Trust provides that after the death	
	Hrg			of James O. Hamilton, the successor	Need proof of personal service at
✓	Aff.Mail	w/		trustee should divide the trust assets	least 5 days prior to the hearing
	Aff.Pub.			into four shares for each of four	(per Order on Ex Parte Petition) filed 04/14/14. Note: Proof of
	Sp.Ntc.			beneficiaries: the Petitioner (Jamie Starr Hamilton Thomas), Joel Wade	service filed 04/21/14 states that a
	Pers.Serv.	Х		Hamilton ("Wade"), Cynthia Ann	copy of the Ex Parte Petition was
	Conf.			Thomas, and Richard Allen Thomas.	personally served on Paul
	Screen			The trustee shall make monthly	Pimentel, attorney for Gary
	Letters			payments of \$1,000.00 each to the	Hamilton, on 04/17/14; and proof of service filed 06/19/14 states
	Duties/Supp			four beneficiaries once that	that all parties were served by
				beneficiary reaches 60 years of age.	mail and fax on 06/18/14.
	Objections			If the assets of the Trust are not liquid,	
	Video			then the trustee must use his best	
	Receipt			efforts to liquidate the assets of the	
	CI Report		1	Trust to make these payments. At the time James O. Hamilton	
	9202			passed away, the Petitioner was over	
✓	Order			60 years of age. Accordingly, she	
	Aff. Posting			was entitled to monthly payments of	Reviewed by: JF
	Status Rpt			\$1,000.00 starting March 13, 2011.	Reviewed on: 07/18/14
	UCCJEA			Despite the clear provisions of the	Updates:
	Citation			Trust, Gary has not made a single payment to Petitioner from the assets	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			of the Trust.	File 4A – Hamilton
			5.	On 06/03/13, Petitioner filed a Verified	
				Petition for (1) Removal of Trustee; (2)	
				Accounting; (3) Surcharge; and (4)	
				Approval of Attorney Fees (the	
				"Petition"). The Petition asked the	
				Court to remove Gary as trustee of	
				the Trust and to appoint an	
				independent third-party as trustee.	
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- 6. Gary filed a response to the Petition (the "Objection") stating that he had provided a trust accounting in October 2012 (the "Purported 2012 Accounting"). The Purported 2012 Accounting is not an accounting, but rather a list of assets of the Trust. The list includes two "missing items", namely gold coins worth \$245,000.00 and \$28,000.00 in cash.
- 7. Ğary further admitted that he had purchased 20 acres in Fresno County (the "Fresno Property") from James O. Hamilton and given the Trust a promissory note for \$297,000.00 related to the purchase. Gary also gave the Trust a second promissory note for \$100,000.00. However, Gary admits that he never made a single payment on either note and now claims that he transferred the Fresno Property back to the Trust in lieu of making payments on the \$297,000.00 note.
- 8. Gary subsequently prepared an accounting dated 12/12/13 (the "Purported 2013 Accounting").
- 9. The Purported 2013 Accounting shows that the Trust holds a promissory note given by Wade to the Trust in the amount of \$25,000.00. Notwithstanding the fact that Wade owes money to the Trust, the Trust paid Wade \$1,000.00 a month from December 2011 through June 2013. Gary has marked these payments as repayments on loans Wade allegedly gave to the Trust. Moreover, the Purported 2013 Accounting does not show that Wade ever made any payments on the \$25,000.00 note he owed to the Trust.
- 10. In other words, Wade owed \$25,000.00 to the Trust; Wade paid approximately \$17,000.00 to the Trust; and yet the Trust then paid out approximately \$17,000.00 to Wade in payments of \$1,000.00 a month the exact amount that should have been paid to the Petitioner.
- 11. Gary has chosen to characterize the payments to Wade as "loan repayment" from December 2011 June 2013. However, the final "loan" shown on the Purported 2013 Accounting was allegedly given by Wade to the Trust on 06/21/13 after the Trust had already "reimbursed" Wade for the alleged loan.
- 12. Although Gary as trustee holds title to over 600 acres of land in Oklahoma, he has not sold that property and has only collected \$10,000.00 in rent related to that property. Moreover, Gary has allegedly deeded the Fresno Property back to the Trust, but is not paying rent on the property and the Trust has no rental income from it (assuming that the Fresno Property was properly transferred to the Trust).
- 13. The Purported 2013 Accounting shows an estimated value for the Fresno Property of \$160,000.00. In other words, the Trust previously held a note for \$297,000.00 from Gary, and now only holds a property worth \$160,000.00 after Gary unilaterally transferred the Fresno Property to the Trust a loss of \$137,000.00 to the Trust. Gary has attempted to get out of a bad land deal for himself personally by transferring the Fresno Property to the Trust, to the detriment of the beneficiaries of the Trust.
- 14. The Purported 2013 Accounting also shows that Wade owes the Trust under a promissory note in the amount of \$25,000.00, and that Cynthia Barton owes the Trust under a promissory note in the amount of \$30,000.00. Moreover, the Purported 2013 Accounting further shows that neither Wade nor Cynthia have made any payments to the Trust on either of those notes.
- 15. "A violation by the trustee of any duty that the trustee owes the beneficiary is a breach of trust" (Probate Code § 16400). A trustee has a duty to administer the trust according to the trust instrument. "The trustee has a duty to administer the trust solely in the interest of the beneficiaries". (Id. § 16002(a).) **Note:** Further authority provided in Petition.
- 16. Gary has violated numerous duties as trustee. Gary has refused to pay to the Petitioner the \$1,000.00 a month distributive payments she is owed under the terms of the Trust. At the same time, he has made \$1,000.00 a month payments to another beneficiary, Wade. Moreover, Gary has made the payments to Wade under the guise of "loan repayments," when in fact Wade owes money to the Trust and Gary's own accounting shows that Wade is not making payments on his debt.
- 17. Furthermore, Gary has engaged in self-dealing, insofar as he unilaterally chose to exchange a note worth \$297,000.00 that he owed to the Trust for a property worth \$160,000.00, a loss of \$137,000.00 to the Trust in favor of Gary.
- 18. Even though he has been trustee since 2011, Gary still has not sold the Oklahoma property in order to make the required payments to the Petitioner. Nonetheless, he has flown Wade to Oklahoma at the expense of the Trust and has paid Wade for unspecified "natural gas research".
- 19. Moreover, even though Gary identified \$245,000.00 in gold coins and \$28,000.00 as missing cash, Gary does not appear to have taken any steps to recover those assets for the Trust. Yet he continues to list these "assets" as assets of the Trust.

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- 20. Petitioner has filed a formal petition to remove Gary as trustee, to which he has objected. An evidentiary hearing is set for June 2014. In the meantime, however, Gary is not paying the Petitioner the amounts she is owed under the Trust and he is looking the other way while Wade and Cynthia Barton fail to make payments on the debt they owe to the Trust. He is not maximizing the income to the Trust for the benefits of its beneficiaries and has failed to sell the Oklahoma land in order to fulfill his duties.
- 21. Accordingly, the Petitioner respectfully asks the Court remove Gary on an interim basis pending the final hearing on the removal petition, and to appoint a neutral third-party to administer the Trust while the parties litigate the removal issues and the accounting issues.
- 22. Petitioner has spoken to Bruce Bickel, who has stated that he is willing and able to serve as an independent trustee pending the evidentiary hearing and the Court's final decision on the Petition.

Petitioner prays for an Order:

- 1. Suspending Gary's powers to act as trustee of the Trust pending a final resolution of the Petition;
- 2. Appointing Bruce Bickel, or another independent fiduciary as decided by the Court, as special trustee to serve as trustee until final resolution of the Petition;
- 3. For attorney's fees and costs;
- 4. For any and all other orders that the Court deems proper and just.

First Supplement to Ex Parte Petition to Remove Gary Hamilton as Trustee and Appoint Interim Trustee Pending Final Hearing filed 04/21/14 states:

- 1. Exigent circumstances exist to appoint an interim trustee while the petition to remove Gary Hamilton as trustee is pending. Although the Court has set a settlement conference for 05/12 and a hearing on the petition for 06/16, those dates will be changed. Counsel for Gary Hamilton, Joanne Sanoian, passed away in March after the dates were set. New counsel Paul Pimentel has substituted in as counsel for Gary Hamilton as of late April. Counsel have conferred and a stipulation will be prepared to continue the trial dates for 120 days to allow Mr. Pimentel to adequately prepare for the hearing.
- 2. In addition, since the original filing of the petition, Gary Hamilton has prepared an accounting for the trust. The accounting shows that Gary has distributed \$17,000.00 to Wade, even though Wade owed the trust \$25,000.00; and at the same time, Gary has not distributed any funds to petitioner Jamie Thomas. Gary is favoring other beneficiaries over Jamie Thomas.
- 3. Because Gary is not fulfilling his monthly duties to distribute funds to Jaime Thomas and because this matter will not go to hearing until September at the earliest, exigent circumstances exist that require Gary to be removed pending a final hearing on the removal petition.
- 4. Consent of Bruce Bickel to act as interim successor trustee is attached.

Declaration of Kurt Van Sciver Regarding Status on Ex Parte Petition to Remove Gary Hamilton as Trustee and Appoint Interim Trustee Pending Final Hearing filed 06/19/14 states: At the hearing on 04/29/14, the trustee, Gary Hamilton, indicated that he would begin paying the \$1,000.00 per month to Jamie Thomas, starting May 1. The trustee further stated, through counsel, that the Clovis property had been sold and the Oklahoma property had been listed. The trustee did not pay Jamie the \$1,000.00 on May 1. Contact was made with Mr. Hamilton's attorney alerting him of the non-payment and requesting copies of the closing statement and the Oklahoma listing agreement. Mr. Hamilton's attorney, Mr. Pimentel, indicated that Mr. Hamilton did not have the correct address for Jamie Thomas. Mr. Pimentel was provided with Ms. Thomas' address. Mr. Pimentel provided a copy of the closing statement for the Clovis property and the Oklahoma listing. As of this date, Jamie Thomas has not received the \$1,000.00 payment for May or June and continues to seek the removal of Gary Hamilton as Trustee during the pendency of this action. The trustee has forgiven a note to himself, constituting a conflict of interest. The Trustee has not collected payments on nots to the Trust from two beneficiaries. The trustee has paid money to another beneficiary, Joel Wade Hamilton, and has flown Wade out to Oklahoma using Trust money, thereby favoring one beneficiary over Jamie. Jamie has suffered and will continue to suffer harm if the trustee is not removed in the interim and a neutral, non-family member appointed to run the Trust until the Court's final decision.

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Declarations of Gary Hamilton, Paul J. Pimentel, and Tiffany L. Winchell regarding status on Ex Parte Petition to Remove Gary Hamilton as Trustee and Appoint Interim Trustee Pending Final Hearing filed 06/23/14 states: On around the date of the last hearing (04/29/14) in which it was agreed that trustee Gary Hamilton would begin mailing Jamie Starr \$1,000.00 per month, Mr. Hamilton sent a check to Ms. Starr at the address listed on the Request for Special Notice that she has filed in this matter. In late May, the envelope was returned as undeliverable and upon inspection, it was discovered that Mr. Hamilton made an error in the address. Thereafter, he re-mailed the May check to the address listed on her Request for Special Notice. Approximately 1 week later, he also mailed the June payment to the same address. Neither of those two payments have been returned. On 06/19/14, Mr. Hamilton was provided with a new address for Ms. Starr and he mailed the May and June payments out to the new address that same day.

4B In Re: James O. Hamilton Living Trust

Case No. 13CEPR00489

Sciver, Kurt Van (for Jamie Starr Hamilton Thomas – beneficiary/Petitioner) Atty Pimentel, Paul J. (for Gary Hamilton – Trustee/Objector) Atty

Status Hearing

		On 06/03/13 JAMIE STARR HAMILTON THOMAS, beneficiary, filed a Verified	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
		Petition for (1) Removal of Trustee; (2)	
		Accounting; (3) Surcharge; and (4) Approval of Attorney Fees. The matter	
Со	nt. from	was continued numerous times and a	
	Aff.Sub.Wit.	settlement conference was set for	
	Verified	= 05/12/14.	
	Inventory	On 04/14/14, JAMIE STARR HAMILTON	
	PTC	THOMAS, filed an Ex Parte Petition to	
	Not.Cred.	Remove Gary Hamilton as Trustee and Appoint Interim Trustee Pending Final	
	Notice of	Hearing. The matter was set for	
	Hrg	hearing. Minute Order from 04/29/14	
	Aff.Mail	vacated the Settlement Conference set	
	Aff.Pub.	for 05/12/14 and Evidentiary hearing	
	Sp.Ntc.	that was set for 06/16/14. The matter was continued to 06/24/14 and then set	
	Pers.Serv.	for this status hearing on 07/22/14.	
	Conf.		
	Screen		
	Letters		
	Duties/Supp		
	Objections		
	Video		
	Receipt	╡	
	CI Report	╡	
	9202	_	
	Order		
	Aff. Posting		Reviewed by: JF
	Status Rpt	_	Reviewed on: 07/18/14
	UCCJEA	_	Updates:
	Citation	_	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice		File 4B – Hamilton

Atty

Jimenez, Miguel

Amended Petition for Appointment of Limited Probate Conservator of the Person (Prob. C. 1820, 1821)

			THERE IS NO TEMPORARY.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
Cont. from 061014 Aff.Sub.Wit.		4	No temporary was requested. MARY PEREZ and ALBERTO PEREZ, paternal grandparents, are petitioners and request appointment as limited conservators with medical consent	Court Investigator Advised Rights on 5/14/14. Voting Rights Affected. Need minute order.
\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}}	Verified Inventory PTC Not.Cred. Notice of Hrg Aff.Mail Aff.Pub. Sp.Ntc. Pers.Serv. Conf. Screen	W/	Declaration of Isabelo Artacho, M.D., 4/2/14. Voting Rights Affected. Petitioners state they have been the primary care providers for Alexis since she was young and became her guardian on 3/29/13. Alexis has a diagnosis of Autism and mentally handicapped. Alexis is unable to attend to her basic needs. She has very limited communication skills.	 Petitioners are requesting a limited conservatorship however asking for all powers that would be included in a general conservatorship. In a limited conservatorship the powers of the conservator are limited so that the disabled person may live as independently as possible. It appears that a general conservatorship may be more appropriate. Court Investigator's report indicates the proposed
√ ✓	Letters Duties/Supp Objections Video Receipt CI Report 9202 Order	X	Court Investigator Charlotte Bien's Report filed on 5/23/14.	conservatee has 7 siblings none of which were listed in the petition as required by Probate Code §1821 (b) and there is no indication that the conservatee's siblings received notice of the hearing as required by Probate Code §1822. 3. Need Video Viewing Receipt for proposed conservator Alberto Perez. 4. Need Citation. 5. Need proof of personal service of the Citation on proposed conservatee, Alexis Mary Mora. 6. Need order and letters.
	Aff. Posting Status Rpt UCCJEA Citation FTB Notice	X		Reviewed by: KT Reviewed on: 7/18/14 Updates: Recommendation: File 5 - Mora
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Helon, Marvin T (for Petitioner Kathryn V. Bryson)

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed; Authorization to Administer Under IAEA (Prob. C. 8002, 10450)

DC	D: 4/19/14		KATHRYN V. BRYSON, daughter, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
202. 1, 1.7, 1.			petitioner and requests appointment	NEEDS/TROBLEMS/COMMENTS.
-			as Administrator with Will Annexed and	
			without bond.	
<u> </u>	nt. from			Note: If the petition is granted, status
	Aff.Sub.Wit.	1	All heirs waive bond.	hearings will be set as follows:
✓	AII.SUD.WII.			. We dreed my January 7, 2015 of
✓	Verified		Full IAEA – o.k.	• Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Department 303, for
	Inventory		Will dated: 2/24/1996	the filing of the inventory and
	PTC			appraisal.
	Not.Cred.		Residence: Clovis	Wednesday, September 16, 2015
	Notice of		Publication: Fresno Business Journal	at 9:00 a.m. in Department 303,
	Hrg			for the filing of the first account or
✓	Aff.Mail	W/		petition for final distribution.
✓	Aff.Pub.		Estimated value of the estate: Personal property - \$ 70,000.00	Pursuant to Local Rule 7.5 if the
	Sp.Ntc.		Real property - \$121,000.00	required documents are filed 10
	Pers.Serv.		Total - \$191,000.00	days prior the date set the status
	Conf.			hearing will come off calendar and
	Screen			no appearance will be required.
✓	Letters		Probate Referee: Steven Diebert	
✓	Duties/Supp			
	Objections			
	Video			
	Receipt			
	CI Report			
	9202			
✓	Order			
	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: KT
	Status Rpt			Reviewed on: 7/18/14
	UCCJEA	Ī		Updates:
	Citation	Ī		Recommendation: SUBMITTED
	FTB Notice			File 6 - Bryson

Regles Bellamy, Jr. (Det Succ)
Neilson, Bruce A. (for Petitioner, Glenda J. Bellamy)

Spousal or Domestic Partner Property Petition (Prob. C. 13650)

Cont. from Aff.Sub.Wit.		School J. BELLAMY, surviving spouse, is petitioner. No other proceedings Decedent died intestate.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
Aff.Sub.Wit.		No other proceedings	
Aff.Sub.Wit.			
Aff.Sub.Wit.			
Aff.Sub.Wit.		Decedent died intestate.	
		Decedent died intestate.	
✓ Verified		Petitioner states she and the	
Inventory		decedent were married in 1976.	
PTC		All assets were acquired during the	
Not.Cred.		marriage from earnings of both	
✓ Notice of Hrg		spouses.	
✓ Aff.Mail	W/		
Aff.Pub.		Petitioner requests court	
Sp.Ntc.		confirmation that ½ interest in all	
Pers.Serv.		bank accounts held at Bank of	
Conf.		America in the name of the	
Screen		decedent belongs to her and that	
Letters		$\frac{1}{2}$ passes to her.	
Duties/Supp			
Objections			
Video			
Receipt			
CI Report			
9202			
√ Order			
Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: KT
Status Rpt			Reviewed on: 7/18/14
UCCJEA			Updates:
Citation			Recommendation: SUBMITTED
FTB Notice			File 7 – Bellamy

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Kennedy, Bruce Francis (for Frank T. Ramirez – Administrator)

Probate Status Hearing Re: Failure to File a First Account or Petition for Final Distribution

DOD: 12/19/02 EDANKT DAMIDET was appointed ALEEDS (BRODITALS (COMMENTS)			
DOD: 12/18/02	FRANK T. RAMIREZ, was appointed Administrator with limited IAEA authority and	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:	
	without bond on 10/21/03. Letter were issued	CONTINUED FROM 01/14/14	
	on 10/23/03.	SOMMOLD INOM 01/14/14	
		1. Petitioner proposes to	
Cont. from 011414,	Inventory & Appraisal, final filed 12/10/03	distribute the real property	
052314	- \$27,500.00	asset of the estate by way of	
Aff.Sub.Wit.		an Affidavit Re Real Property	
Verified	Notice of Status Hearing filed 11/08/13 set this	of Small Value outside of the	
Inventory	matter for hearing re: Failure to File a First	estate and then file a	
PTC	Account or Petition for Final Distribution. Clerk's Certificate of Mailing states that the	dismissal of the estate.	
Not.Cred.	Notice of Status Hearing was mailed to	However, the administration of this estate has been	
	attorney Bruce Kennedy and Administrator	ongoing since 2003, a Final	
Notice of Hrg	Frank Ramirez on 11/08/13.	Inventory & Appraisal has	
Aff.Mail	-	been filed, Creditor's Claims	
Aff.Pub.	Third Status Report of Administrator filed	have been filed, therefore an	
Sp.Ntc.	07/16/14 states:	Accounting/Report on	
Pers.Serv.	The decedent had held title to real Output Description Transport Tra	Waiver Account and Petition	
Conf. Screen	property located on Brawley in Fresno in joint tenancy with her mother, Maria	for Distribution is necessary to	
Letters	Ramirez. In 1965, Maria Ramirez died and	complete the estate	
Duties/Supp	decedent recorded an affidavit of death	administration and pass the estate assets to the	
Objections	confirming title to her as Maria's surviving	beneficiary.	
Video	joint tenant.	borionciary.	
Receipt	2. In 1970, the decedent married Luciano		
CI Report	Medina and in 2002, the decedent		
9202	conveyed her separate property interest in		
Order	the property to herself and her spouse as community property.		
Aff. Posting	3. By her will dated 12/17/99, the decedent	Reviewed by: JF	
Status Rpt	provided that her retained community	Reviewed by: 31 Reviewed on: 07/18/14	
UCCJEA	property interest was to pass ½ to her	Updates:	
Citation	surviving spouse and ½ to her sole surviving	Recommendation:	
FTB Notice	sister, Concepcion Ramirez.	File 8 – Medina	
FIB NOTICE	4. The decedent was survived by nieces,	riie 6 - Medina	
	nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-		
	nephews of her four predeceased sisters, all of whom were given notice of the		
	probate.		
	5. Luciano Medina died intestate and without		
	a spouse or issue on 01/18/03. Prior to his		
	death, he conveyed his community		
	property interest in the property to his		
	nephew, Luciano Medina Calixto by a		
	deed dated 01/16/03 and recorded		
	01/21/03.		
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- 6. On 01/18/05, Administrator filed a petition to rescind the gift of Nora of a community property interest to her spouse, Luciano Medina, and to cancel Luciano's subsequent conveyance to his nephew on the grounds of undue influence, fraud, and abuse of fiduciary relationship, seeking to determine title to the property.
- 7. On 02/10/06, a decision was rendered by Hon. Stephen J. Kane, finding that the conveyance by decedent's spouse to his nephew should be cancelled and the property restored to the Estate of Luciano Medina, and because the claim of the invalidity of the deed of the decedent to her spouse had been withdrawn, this decision yielded an undivided ¾ interest in the property to Luciano's estate and an undivided ¼ interest in the property in the decedent's estate.
- 8. Because the decedent's spouse, Luciano Medina, died intestate, unmarried and without surviving issue, his ¾ interest in the property which was derived from the separate and community property of his predeceased spouse, the decedent herein, passed to the surviving issue of the parents of decedent under Probate Code § 6402.5(a)(3) and 240.
- 9. Accordingly, Petitioner filed a petition in the estate of Luciano Medina to determine succession on the undivided ¾ interest in the property to the 12 heirs of the decedent entitled to succeed to this interest, resulting in an order establishing title in separate undivided interests in the property comprising ¾ interest in the property in the heirs of the decedent.
- 10. All of the heirs of decedent agreed to place their distributive shares into an irrevocable trust to be administered by Frank Ramirez (Administrator) as trustee, which trust was to become subject to the jurisdiction of this Court in the administration of the estate of the decedent.
- 11. The irrevocable trust provides that its beneficiaries will all bear, in proportion to their individual undivided interests in the property, the expenses of the litigation by which the deed by the Luciano Medina to his nephew was cancelled. The trust also provides that approval of attorney's fees and expenses shall be approved by this Court in the administration of the decedent's estate.
- 12. The only asset of the Estate is an undivided ¼ interest in the property.
- 13. The final Inventory & Appraisal of the estate was filed 12/10/03 showing the value of a ½ undivided interest in the real property was \$27,500.00. A subsequent appraisal done in December 2010 showed a total value of the property to be \$40,000.00. Therefore, an undivided ¼ interest in the property would be valued at \$10,000.00. Administrator declares that such Inventory & Appraisal contains all of the assets of the estate.
- 14. The CA Dept. of Health Care Services holds a lien against the property in the amount of \$10,000.00 (without interest) to settle its claim against the estate of both the decedent and her spouse for Medi-Cal services rendered to them during their lifetimes.
- 15. All debts of the decedent and of the estate and all expenses of administration, including closing expenses, commission to the Administrator and his attorney remain to be paid. The estimated ordinary commissions and attorney's fees are \$400.00.
- 16. The Administrator has advanced costs in the amount of \$15,301.00 for litigation costs, property taxes, and property maintenance expenses for raising the building structures located on the property and the disposal of the debris.
- 17. Administrator's attorney, Bruce Francis Kennedy, has performed extraordinary services on behalf of the Administrator and the estate from 05/13/03 12/25/13. The total value of those services in \$78,251.60, which includes costs in the amount of \$81.60.
- 18. The Administrator has made no distributions from the estate.
- 19. By letter dated 03/20/14, Petitioner alerted all of the beneficiaries of the Trust that, because of the lien against the real property of the probate estate, and because of the expenses of litigation and the continued maintenance of the real property, there would in all likelihood be nothing in either the probate estate or trust estate available for distribution to the beneficiaries. None of the beneficiaries has communicated any objection to the Petitioner that would prevent him from taking the action that he has proposed to take to transfer title to the probate estate real property to its sole beneficiary, Concepcion Ramirez.

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- 20. In order to avoid further expenses of administration which would be incurred in connection with a sale of the real property by the Petitioner in the probate proceeding, Petitioner intends to file an Affidavit Re Real Property of Small Value to transfer title of the property to Concepcion Ramirez.
- 21. Following the completion of the transfer of title to the sole beneficiary of the estate, the real property will be sold with the cooperation of the Petitioner in his capacity as trustee of the Trust and the lien in favor of the California Department of Health Care Services will be paid in full. The balance of the sale proceeds, after the payment of brokerage commissions and the customary costs of escrow, title insurance, etc. will be distributed pursuant to agreement among the Petitioner, his attorney and the beneficiaries of the Trust.
- 22. Since the transfer of the only asset of the probate estate will leave the estate without any property, the Petitioner proposes to file a request for dismissal of the probate proceedings.

Administrator prays for an Order:

1. Authorizing the administration of the Estate to continue for an additional 30 days for the transfer of the real property of the estate by the Affidavit of Real Property of Small Value to the estate's sole beneficiary and the filing by Petitioner of a request for dismissal of the probate proceedings.

Franco, Paul C. (for Deborah Kamine – Executor)

Status Hearing Re: Account/Report of Executor on Waiver of Account and Petition for Distribution

	and Petition for Distributio
DOD: 01/17/11	DEBORAH KAMINE, daughter, was
	appointed Executor with full IAEA
	authority and without bond on
	05/12/11. Letter Testamentary were
Cont. from 012414,	issued on 05/12/11.
041814, 052314	la carton (O Amaraia al Final Final
Aff.Sub.Wit.	Inventory & Appraisal, final, filed 10/11/13 - \$198,712.13
Verified Verified	10/11/13 - \$176,712.13
Inventory	Minute Order from status hearing on
PTC	10/25/13 set this matter for status
+	regarding filing the Account/Report
Not.Cred.	of Executor on Waiver of Account
Notice of Hrg	and Petition for Distribution.
Aff.Mail	
Aff.Pub.	
Sp.Ntc.	
Pers.Serv.	
Conf.	
Screen	
Letters	
Duties/Supp	
Objections	
Video	
Receipt	
CI Report	
9202	
Order	
Aff. Posting	
Status Rpt	
UCCJEA	
Citation	
FTB Notice	

NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:

Continued from 05/23/2014

Minute Order from 04/18/2014: No appearances. Paul Franco is ordered to be personally present on 05/23/2014 if the required documents have not been filed.

Copy of Minute Order mailed to Attorney Franco on 04/18/2014.

Minute Order from 03/21/2014 states: No appearances. Paul Franco is ordered to be personally present on 04/18/2014 if the account and petition for distribution has not been filed.

Copy of Minute Order mailed to Attorney Franco on 03/24/2014.

Minute Order from 01/24/14 states: No appearances. Matter continued to 03/21/14. The Court orders Paul Franco to be personally present on 03/21/14.

Copy of Minute Order mailed to Attorney Franco on 01/30/2014.

Need First Account or Petition for Final
Distribution or current written status report
pursuant to Local Rule 7.5 which states in all
matters set for status hearing verified status
reports must be filed no later than 10 days
before the hearing. Status Reports must
comply with the applicable code
requirements. Notice of the status hearing,
together with a copy of the Status Report
shall be served on all necessary parties.

Reviewed by: LV

Reviewed on: 07/17/2014

Updates:

Recommendation:

File 9 – Blankenship

Wall, Jeffrey L. (for Gloria Hagopian – successor administrator)
Status Hearing Re: Proof of Bond and/or Receipt of Blocked Account

-	Status Hearing Ke: Proof of Bond and/or Kecelp	I OI BIOCKEG ACCOUNT
DOD: 12/07/11	GLORIA HAGOPIAN, was appointed	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
	successor administrator with bond set at	
	\$10,000.00 and the remainder of funds	CONTINUED FROM 07/08/14
	to be placed into a blocked account	Minute Order from 07/08/14 states:
Card from 07001	on 05/27/14.	Mr. Morris is appearing via CourtCall.
Cont. from 07081		Counsel reports that the bank will not
Aff.Sub.Wit.	Order to Deposit Money Into Blocked	provide a receipt for the blocked
Verified	Account was filed 06/02/14.	account until letters have been
Inventory		issued. The Court authorizes the
PTC		Clerk's office to issue the letters. The
Not.Cred.	7	Court orders that all funds be placed into the blocked account with the
Notice of	7	exception of \$5,000.00. The Court
Hrg		relieves the personal representative
Aff.Mail	=	from the need for a bond.
Aff.Pub.		
Sp.Ntc.	-	
Pers.Serv.	=	Need Receipt and
Conf.	=	Acknowledgment of Order for
Screen		the Deposit of Money into Blocked Account.
	=	BIOCKED ACCOUNT.
Letters		
Duties/Supp		
Objections		
Video		
Receipt		
CI Report		
9202		
Order		
Aff. Posting		Reviewed by: JF
Status Rpt		Reviewed on: 07/18/14
UCCJEA		Updates:
Citation		Recommendation:
FTB Notice		File 10 - Smart
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Atty Hemb, Richard E., of Hemb Law Office (for Michele R. Curley, Administrator)

Status Hearing Re: Filing of the First Account and/or Petition for Final Distribution

DC	D: 9/7/2012		MICHELE R. CURLEY, Daughter, was appointed Administrator with Full IAEA with bond of \$30,000.00 on 11/7/2012. Letters issued 1/22/2013.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/ COMMENTS:
			Minute Order dated 11/8/2013 from the Status Hearing Re: Increase in Bond Based on the Value of the Estate as Shown on the Inventory and Appraisal continued the status hearing to 1/17/2014 for filing of an ex parte petition to increase the bond.	Continued from 5/23/2014. 1. Need first account and/or petition for final distribution; or
011	nt. from 011014 714, 032114,	,	Proof of Bond filed 1/14/2014 shows bond of \$14,000.00 was posted. Based on 1/22/2013 bond posted of \$30,000.00, the total bond is currently \$44,000.00.	verified Status Report and proof of service of notice of the Status Hearing pursuant to Local
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Status Conference Statement filed 5/21/2014 for the	Rule 7.5(B).
	Verified		<u>last</u> Status Hearing states:	
	Inventory		 The Inventory and Appraisal was filed on 10/15/2013 showing an estate value of 	
	Bond		\$110,367.38, with real property valued at	
	Not.Cred.		\$60,000.00;	
	Notice of Hrg		The real property has been taken over by	
	Aff.Mail		vandals; real estate professionals have indicated	
	Aff.Pub.		that sale proceeds will not be sufficient to cover	
	Sp.Ntc.		 selling costs and encumbrances; The Administrator is currently preparing an accounting, including her own personal funds 	
	Pers.Serv.			
	Conf. Screen		used toward estate administration;	
	Letters		 Additionally, the Administrator has placed two 	
	Duties/Supp		vehicles in storage, and is in the process of selling	
	Objections		them;A final report and petition to distribute the estate	
	Video Receipt		 A final report and petition to distribute the estate should be prepared after the vehicles are sold; Therefore, the Administrator asks for an additional 	
	CI Report		6 weeks to resolve these remaining assets.	
	9202		Ŭ	
	Order			
	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: LEG
	Status Rpt	Χ		Reviewed on: 7/17/14
	UCCJEA			Updates:
	Citation			Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 11 – Martinez

12 Fred Otto Loeffler (CONS/PE)

Case No. 13CEPR00655

- Atty Downing, Marcella (for Diane Huerta daughter)
 Atty Bagdasarian, Gary (for Linda Plitt daughter)
- Atty Rube, Melvin K. (for Fred & Kathleen Loeffler proposed conservatees)
- Atty Janisse, Ryan (for Mick Loeffler son)
- Atty Johnson, Summer A. (for Bruce Bickel temporary conservator of the estate)

Probate Status Hearing Re: Status of Conservatorship, Settlement of Case & Accounting of Temporary Conservatorship

		Accounting of remporary conservatorship	п-
		On 07/26/13, DIANE HUERTA and LINDA PLITT,	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
		daughters, filed a Petition for Appointment of	
		Probate Conservator of the Person and Estate.	OFF CALENDAR
		On 07/29/13, the Court granted the Petition for	Matter continued to
Coi	nt. from 070114	Appointment of Temporary Conservator of the	09/17/14 per Minute
	Aff.Sub.Wit.	Person and Estate pending the hearing on the	<u>-</u>
	Verified	temporary conservatorship.	Order from 07/15/14
			hearing
	Inventory	Proposed Conservatee and Mick Loeffler, son,	
	PTC	filed objections to the conservatorships.	
	Not.Cred.		
	Notice of	On 08/19/13, after an evidentiary hearing, the	
	Hrg	court found that there was no emergency	
	Aff.Mail	requiring a temporary conservatorship.	
	Aff.Pub.		
	Sp.Ntc.	On 09/18/13, Judge Black set the matter for trial	
	Pers.Serv.	and after reviewing additional documents, took	
	Conf.	the matter of a temporary conservatorship	
	Screen	under submission and on 09/25/13, signed an	
	Letters	Order appointing Bruce Bickel as temporary	
	Duties/Supp	conservator of the Estate.	
	Objections		
	Video	In addition to the conservatorship petition,	
	Receipt	Diane and Linda also filed a Petition to	
	CI Report	Determine Validity of the Trust, etc. on 08/19/13.	
	9202	After a hearing in that matter, Bruce Bickel was appointed as temporary trustee of the Trust.	
	Order	appointed as temporary nostee of the nost.	
	Aff. Posting	The parties participated in settlement	Reviewed by: JF
	Status Rpt	conferences on 11/07/13, 01/07/14, 02/20/14	Reviewed on: 07/18/14
	UCCJEA	and 04/02/14 and participated in mediation	Updates:
	Citation	with Judge Howard Broadman (ret.) on	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice	05/17/14.	File 12 – F. Loeffler
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		At mediation on 05/17/14, the parties reached	
		and executed a settlement agreement.	
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		On 06/19/14, a Petition for Approval of	
		Settlement Agreement was filed by Bruce Bickel	
		and is set for hearing on 07/15/14 at 3:30 in	
		Dept. 502.	

13 Kathleen Doris Loeffler (CONS/PE) Case No. 13CEPR00656

Atty Downing, Marcella (for Diane Huerta – daughter)
Atty Bagdasarian, Gary (for Linda Plitt – daughter)

Atty Rube, Melvin K. (for Fred & Kathleen Loeffler – proposed conservatees)

Atty Janisse, Ryan (for Mick Loeffler – son)

Atty Johnson, Summer A. (for Bruce Bickel – temporary conservator of the estate Probate Status Hearing Re: Status of Conservatorship, Settlement of Case &

Accounting of Temporary Conservatorship

Accounting of Temporary Conservatorship			
	On 07/26/13, DIANE HUERTA and LINDA PLITT , daughters, filed a Petition for Appointment of Probate Conservator of the Person and Estate. On 07/29/13, the Court granted the Petition for	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/ COMMENTS: OFF CALENDAR	
Cont. from 070114	Appointment of Temporary Conservator of the	Matter continued to	
Aff.Sub.Wit.	Person and Estate pending the hearing on the	09/17/14 per Minute	
	temporary conservatorship.	<u>-</u>	
Verified		Order from 07/15/14	
Inventory	Proposed Conservatee and Mick Loeffler, son,	hearing	
PTC	filed objections to the conservatorships.		
Not.Cred.	On 09/19/12 after an evidentian hearing the		
Notice of Hrg	On 08/19/13, after an evidentiary hearing, the court found that there was no emergency		
Aff.Mail	requiring a temporary conservatorship.		
Aff.Pub.			
Sp.Ntc.	On 09/18/13, Judge Black set the matter for trial		
Pers.Serv.	and after reviewing additional documents, took		
Conf. Screen	the matter of a temporary conservatorship under		
Letters	submission and on 09/25/13, signed an Order		
Duties/Supp	appointing Bruce Bickel as temporary conservator		
Objections	of the Estate.		
Video			
Receipt	In addition to the conservatorship petition, Diane		
CI Report	and Linda also filed a Petition to Determine		
9202	Validity of the Trust, etc. on 08/19/13. After a		
Order	hearing in that matter, Bruce Bickel was		
Aff. Posting	appointed as temporary trustee of the Trust.	Reviewed by: JF	
Status Rpt	The parties participated in settlement	Reviewed on: 07/18/14	
UCCJEA	The parties participated in settlement conferences on 11/07/13, 01/07/14, 02/20/14 and	Updates:	
Citation	04/02/14 and participated in mediation with	Recommendation:	
FTB Notice	Judge Howard Broadman (ret.) on 05/17/14.	File 13 – K. Loeffler	
	At mediation on 05/17/14, the parties reached		
	and executed a settlement agreement.		
	On 06/19/14, a Petition for Approval of Settlement		
	Agreement was filed by Bruce Bickel and is set for		
	hearing on 07/15/14 at 3:30 in Dept. 502.		

Ruiz, Celia (Pro Per – Petitioner – Paternal Grandmother)

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person (Prob. C. 1510

Jenifer Age: 16		TEMPORARY EXPIRES 07/22/2014	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:	
Emi	lio Age: 10			
		CELIA RUIZ , paternal grandmother of Emilio, is petitioner.	Minute Order of 06/05/2014: Maria Ruiz is sworn and interprets for the petitioner. The Court dispenses with further notice to mother and Marcos Mendoza Finding	
Со	nt. from	Father (of Emilio): JOSE E. QUIROZ	that due diligence has been exercised. The guardian	
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		is authorized to take the children to Mexico	
√	Verified	Father (of Jenifer): MARCOS	temporarily. The children shall be returned to the	
	Inventory	MENDOZA , Court Dispensed with	County of Fresno by 07/15/2014.	
	PTC	Notice pursuant to Minute Order of	Note: The CI Report indicates that that the petitioner	
	Not.Cred.	06/05/2014	misspelled minor, Jenifer Mendoza's name on the	
		Mother: ARALI V. DE HARO , Court	petition. It is actually spelled with two N's.	
	Hrg	Dispensed with Notice pursuant to	1 Need Nation of Lagring	
	Aff.Mail >	Minute Order of 04/05/2014	Need Notice of Hearing.	
	Aff.Pub.	╡	2. Need proof of personal service fifteen (15)	
	Sp.Ntc.	Paternal Grandfather (of Emilio):	days prior to the hearing of the Notice of	
	Pers.Serv.	Jose Ruiz, Jr.	Hearing along with a copy of the Petition for	
	Conf.	=	Appointment of Guardian or consent and waiver of notice or declaration of due	
	Screen	Unknown	diligence for:	
1	Letters		Jose E. Quiroz (father of Emilio)	
<u> </u>		Maternal Grandfather: Alberto	 Jennifer Mendoza (Minor) 	
✓	Duties/Supp	Gonzalez	3. Need proof of service fifteen (15) days prior	
	Objections	Maternal Grandmother: Luz Maria De Haro	to the hearing of the Notice of Hearing along	
	Video	Denaie	with a copy of the Petition for Appointment	
	Receipt	Petitioner states: she and other	of Guardian or consent and waiver of notice	
✓	CI Report	family members are traveling out	or declaration of due diligence for:	
	9202	of the states to be with an ill family	 Jose Ruiz, Jr. (Paternal Grandfather of Emilio) 	
1	Order	member and would like to take	Paternal Grandparents of Jenifer	
•		the children. Petitioner states that the mother is absent, she is	(Unknown)	
		homeless, addicted to drugs and	Alberto Gonzalez (Maternal Grandfather)	
		associates with known felons.	 Luz Maria De Haro (Maternal Grandmother) 	
		Jenifer's father is nowhere to be	Giarianonaj	
		found. Emilio's father is	4. Need Confidential Screening Form.	
		incarcerated. Petitioner states that	-	
	4.65 - 11	the children have been residing with her since they were 4 and 8	5. Need UCCJEA.	
	Aff. Posting	years old.	Reviewed by: LV	
	Status Rpt		Reviewed on: 07/18/2014	
	UCCJEA)		Updates:	
	Citation FTB Notice	report filed 07/11/2014.	Recommendation: File 14 – Ruiz & Mendoza	
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Jones, Rosemary (Pro Per – Petitioner – Paternal Grandmother)

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person (Prob. C. 1510)

Age: 12		NO TEMPORARY REQUESTED	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
79	<u>. 12</u>	= NO TENT ORAKT REQUESTED	NEEDS/TROBLEMS/COMMENTS.
		ROSEMARY JONES, paternal grandmother, is	1. Need Notice of Hearing.
		petitioner.	
Cont. from			2. Need proof of personal service
	Aff.Sub.Wit.	Father: OTIS LEE HUGHEY, Declaration of Due	fifteen (15) days prior to the
	Verified	Diligence filed 05/21/2014	hearing of the Notice of Hearing along with a copy of the Petition
✓	vermed	Mother: ANGELA CANCIMILLAE HUGHEY,	for Appointment of Guardian or
	Inventory	Declaration of Due Diligence filed	consent and waiver of notice for:
	PTC	05/21/2014	 Otis Lee Hughey (Father)
	Not.Cred.		 Angela Cancimillae Hughey
	Notice of	Paternal Grandfather: Deceased	(Mother)
	Hrg	Maternal Grandfather: Joe Cancimillae	Note: A Declaration of Due Diligence was filed on 05/21/2014 which includes
	Aff.Mail >	Maternal Grandmother: Not Listed	both parents and states that they moved
	Aff.Pub.	Majornal Granamoniol. Not Estad	out of state and will not revealed their
	Sp.Ntc.	Petitioner states: guardianship is necessary	whereabouts.
	Pers.Serv.	due to sexual abuse in the home. She states	 Stephon W. Hughey (Minor)
1	Conf.	there is nowhere for the child to go right	
Ľ	Screen	now.	3. Need proof of service fifteen (15)
1	Letters	Petitioner attaches a Team Decision Making	days prior to the hearing of the Notice of Hearing along with a
	Duties/Supp	Report from DSS-CPS which indicates that	copy of the Petition for
<u> </u>		the child should be released to the	Appointment of Guardian or
	Objections	petitioner's care.	consent and waiver of notice or
	Video		declaration of due diligence for:
	Receipt	Court Investigator Jennifer L. Daniel's report	Joe Cancimillae (Maternal
✓	CI Report	filed 07/03/2014.	Grandfather)
	9202		 Maternal Grandmother (Not Listed)
1	Order	7	Listocaj
			4. UCCJEA is incomplete. Need
			minor's residence information for
		_	the past 5 years.
	Aff. Posting	_	Reviewed by: LV
_	Status Rpt	4	Reviewed on: 07/18/2014
✓	UCCJEA		Updates:
	Citation		Recommendation:
	FTB Notice		File 16 - Hughey
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Taylor Lynn and Byron Michael Cheek Ruiz, Richard A. (for Tania Cheek – mother/Petitioner)

Mathes, Karen L. (for Terry & Linda Cheek – paternal grandparents/guardians)
Status Hearing

	TERRY and LINDA CHEEK, paternal grandparents, were	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/
	appointed as guardians on 12-1-08.	COMMENTS:
	TANIA CHEEK, mother, filed a petition for termination of	NOTE: THIS MATTER WILL
	the guardianship, which was denied on 7-24-13.	BE HEARD AT 10:00 AM.
Aff.Sub.Wit.	On 7-24-13, the Court referred the case to CPS to	
Verified	check on who is living in the home with the child and its	
Inventory	safety. DSS Social Worker Keith Hodge was present in Court. Mr. Hodge was asked to submit a report to the	
PTC	Court and to the other parties. The Court ordered a	
Not.Cred.	marginal increase in visitation between the mother and	
Notice of	the children and set a status hearing for 2-11-14.	
Hrg	On 2-11-14, the matter was set for trial on 3-24-14;	
Aff.Mail	however, on 3-11-14, Karen Mathis, attorney for	
Aff.Pub.	Guardians, filed a Statement of Disqualification of	
Pers.Serv.	Judge Robert Oliver. The trial date was vacated pending resolution of the motion for disqualification.	
Conf.	On 4-1-14, Madera Superior Court Judge Charles A.	
Screen	Wieland denied the challenge/ disqualification. Judge	
Letters	Oliver thereafter filed an Answer and set a status hearing for 4-24-14 re: visitation for 4-24-14.	
Duties/Supp	Duties/Supp	
Objections	On 4-23-14, Attorneys Mathes and Ruiz filed a joint	
Video	status statement requesting to vacate the status	
Receipt	hearing and proceed pursuant to the Court's order of 3-18-14; however, the document was not filed timely	
CI Report	and further was not filed as an ex parte request for	
Order	order; therefore appearance was required at the	
Aff. Posting	hearing on 4-24-14.	Reviewed by: skc
Status Rpt	On 4-24-14, there were no appearances. The Court set	Reviewed on: 7-17-14
UCCJEA	a status hearing as a courtesy to counsel to choose a	Updates:
Citation	hearing date for evidentiary hearing to accommodate all parties' calendars. The Order to Appear was mailed	Recommendation:
FTB Notice	to the attorneys on 4-25-14.	File 1 - Cheek
On 6-3-14, the Court set Settlement Conference for 6-24-14 and Court Trial for 9-30-14.		
	6-24-14 dila Cooli iliai loi 7-30-14.	
	Minute Order 6-24-14 (Settlement Conference):	
	Both counsel are ordered to work together regarding the evaluation of Byron. Therapeutic visits shall	
	continue and all prior orders shall remain in full force	
	and effect. Further orders of the Court are as fully set	
	forth on the record. Ms. Mathes is directed to prepare	
	the order. Trial remains set for 9/30/14. Set on 7/23/14 @ 10:00 a.m. Dept. 303 for: Status Hearing	
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